

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARIZONA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Radisson Poco Diablo Resort, Sedona, Arizona

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Simonetta called the meeting to order at 12:43 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Rick Simonetta, President
Paul Miller, Vice President
Nate Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer
Alan Wulkan, Past President
Jeff Meilbeck
Larry Miller
Ken Driggs
Dave Barber
Jim Dickey
Mack Luckie
George Caria
Rich Gaar
Terry Gruver, Chair, Communications/Advocacy
Ron Barnes, Chair, Legislative/Funding
John Anderson, Executive Director
Becky Rutledge, Administrative Assistant
Councilman Bob Luzius, City of Prescott

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. March 19, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ken Driggs moved approval of the February 21, 2007 meeting minutes.

Second: Rich Gaar

Action: Approved Unanimously

B. Financial Report as of March 31, 2007

Motion: Ken Driggs moved approval of the March 31, 2007 financial report.

Second: Larry Miller

Action: Approved Unanimously

IV. UPDATES AND OTHER BUSINESS

A. 2007 Annual Conference Review

Annual Conference Chair Jeff Meilbeck thanked everyone for their hard work to make this year's conference the success that it was.

Terry Gruver will prepare a media release regarding the AzTA Excellence Awards presented Wednesday evening. The smaller communities would definitely consider these awards news-worthy.

Action Required: Terry Gruver will prepare a media release regarding the AzTA Excellence Awards presented Wednesday evening.

B. 2007 Board Retreat Update

Paul Miller reported there was one TIME Coalition held since the last AzTA Board meeting. Most of the discussion focused around the failure of the Blue Ribbon Commission bill.

C. 2007 Board Retreat Update

John Anderson reported the AzTA Board Retreat will be held in Scottsdale at the Scottsdale Resort & Conference Center. RPTA will host a dinner Thursday evening, June 28th, for the Board members and guest. The Board meeting will begin Friday, June 29th, at 8 a.m.

D. 2008 Annual Conference Date & Location

The 2008 Annual Conference Chair will be George Caria. The dates for the conference in Tucson will be March 30 – April 1, 2008. The El Conquistador is a tentative location; however, other hotels are being evaluated for cost comparison.

John Anderson said the Annual Conference Committee will need to look at the length of the conference as well as including ADOT training.

Rich Gaar suggested “dove-tailing” with the Rural Transportation Summit.

Alan Wulkan suggested an in-depth discussion of the Annual Conference at the Board Retreat. Since the Annual Conference is AzTA’s major fundraiser, a review of spreading our events across the state and what information is of value to our members would be beneficial. Alan also stated the vendor success appears to be dwindling so this should be addressed also.

Action Required: The Organizational Infrastructure Committee will review AzTA’s fundraising events, goals and objectives. The committee will then have an in-depth discussion at the Board Retreat.

Action Required: John Anderson will select the 2008 Annual Conference location and secure with a contract.

E. ADOT Updates

Jim Dickey reported ADOT is preparing a briefing on the Rural Transit Needs Study for the Director's office.

Action Required: Jim Dickey will present this briefing at the May AzTA Board meeting.

F. 2007 Rail Symposium

John Anderson signed a contract with Tempe Mission Palms to hold the 2nd Annual Rail Symposium on September 28, 2007.

The Governor is being invited and the AzTA Excellence Award would be presented at this time.

G. Other Business

The next meeting with Shannon Scutari is April 26th. Paul Miller will not be able to make this meeting but would like the discussion to involve Toll Roads so that the conversation gets started.

V. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to be served during the meeting. The Board meeting will be held at the City of Tucson offices. The address is 110 East Pennington, Tucson.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

President Rick Simonetta adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.